

DIRECTION & MINUTE OF THE DECISION-MAKING COMMITTEE

Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 (“HSNO Act”)

Application APP203660: modified reassessment of methyl bromide

Direction & Minute WGT008 of the Decision-making Committee (DMC) – 5 February 2020

Expert conferencing 30 January 2020

1. The DMC directed in previous directions and minutes (WGT002 to WGT007) that four nominated experts were to undertake expert conferencing regarding air dispersion modelling. Expert conferencing was held on 30 January 2020. The experts produced a joint witness statement summarising the outcome of the expert conferencing.
2. In the Direction and Minute WGT007 the DMC recognised that the experts were not able to fully conclude consideration and documentation of all proposed topics in the conferencing and directed the experts reconvene for a second session of expert conferencing as soon as practicable.
3. The DMC considers that the expert conferencing will produce an agreed consensus which outlines the parameters and scope to be used for further air dispersion modelling.

Additional modelling

4. Following the completion of expert conferencing, the DMC considers that further air dispersion modelling should be completed and a report produced using the parameters and inputs agreed to in expert conferencing as outlined in the joint witness statements and additional summary document (as directed to be prepared in WGT007).
5. The DMC consider that the applicant would be the most appropriate party to undertake this additional modelling and produce a report based on the modelling information.
6. The DMC note that the EPA will need time to review this additional modelling prior to the hearing in order to be able to provide advice to the DMC, and that the DMC and other parties to the hearing will need time to review all the information.

Directions

7. The DMC directs the following:
 - a. upon completion of expert conferencing, the applicant is to prepare a new air dispersion modelling report according to the model, parameters and scope agreed to in expert conferencing and as stated in the joint witness statements.
 - b. the applicant is to indicate to the DMC, by 5pm Friday 14 February 2020, the timeframe required to produce the air dispersion modelling report.
8. The DMC will continue to issue Directions and Minutes as necessary to advise parties to the process of further communications or procedural matters.

For the Decision-making Committee:



Tipene Wilson

Chairperson

Date 05 February 2020